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Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2002 6:22 PM  
Subject: Attorney General John Ashcroft Letter

> Attached is the letter we have drafted for you based on your comments. Please review it and make changes to anything that does not represent what you think. If you received this letter by fax, you can photocopy it onto your business letterhead; if the letter was emailed, just print it out on your letterhead. Then sign and fax it to the Attorney General. We believe that it is essential to let our Attorney General know how important this issue is to their constituents. The public comment period for this issue ends on January 28th. Please send in your letter as soon as is convenient.

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**CC:** Jack Sterner

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January 27, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I never thought that Microsoft should have been brought to trial. If Microsoft had been doing something wrong, America would have known about it long before, and the consumer would not have stood by and shelled out cash for products that were shoddy or overpriced. I am not an expert on antitrust law, and I do not know everything that has gone on in the case, but I am a consumer of Microsoft products, and I am affected by the recession America is currently in, and I believe both the economy and computer industry have suffered because of this case.

The proposed settlement is perfectly reasonable; unfortunately, Microsoft's opponents do not agree. They are currently seeking to undermine the settlement and continue to litigate against Microsoft. I do not believe this is wise or needful. Microsoft has agreed to a variety of terms aimed specifically at decreasing their dominance in the market. Microsoft's competitors will be given a great deal of advantages. For example, Microsoft will reformat the Windows operating system so that future versions of the software will support non-Microsoft programs. Competitors will be allowed to use Windows to introduce their own software to consumers. Computer makers will also be given the right to reconfigure Windows by removing Microsoft applications and replacing them with competitive alternatives.

The economy needs to get back on its feet, and this is the perfect opportunity to give it the chance to do so. The settlement that was reached last November needs no modification. I urge you to support it and to move on.

Sincerely,

John Turner

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